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Scheme To Aid In State Development

Let the school lands and the school land moneys build up the state and at the same time earn more than at present by being invested in the safest proposals. Let it be the means of bringing into the state family after family of home-making settlers, people who want homes in an agricultural country and are willing to work their full share and more to gain a foothold. This is the idea of Captain Harry Gosse of the Riverside hotel, who is advocating the appointment of a committee to study the subject from all angles and submit some recommendations regarding the matter to the state legislature, says the Reno Gazette.

Briefly, Captain Gosse believes: That the state needs settlers more than it needs anything else at the present time. And to get them, his plan, briefly outlined, is to let the state set them up in business. In other words, let the state help them to secure a farm and put it on a paying basis, let the farmer pay back to the state what he has cost the commonwealth, together with a reasonable sum of interest.

Insofar as actual cash is concerned, not a cent would be given the newcomer. The state would pay for the land he wished to settle on, and also pay for a small house and what other equipment in the way of agricultural improvements was needed. All this with the understanding that the newcomer was to have, say four or five years in which to get a foothold. The first year, of course, he could hardly more than get his land cleared. The second year he would just begin getting a start, while in the third and fourth years he would begin to have an income which would allow him to buy his home. And throughout the entire proceedings the state would be protected, as any person taking up a farm under the proposed condition would not be allowed to take anything pertaining to the farm away with him in case he grew tired and wished to quit. And if the man who quits had been on a piece of land two years, then the state would have that much more choice a farm, already equipped, to offer to some more reliable man.

Of course there are many details to a plan like this which would necessarily have to be worked out by experts, but in proposing the substance of the scheme, Mr. Gosse believes he has struck the keynote for the future upbuilding of Nevada, and he is going to make every effort to fan the public interest to the point where some definite steps will be taken to carry the plan into execution.

Roughly estimating—for exact figures are impossible without more detailed investigation and study—Mr. Gosse figures that should the state appropriate only \$200,000 to the work, that, at least, would be sufficient to bring between 200 and 300 new families into the state.

The farmer coming to the state to take up land under this plan would not be allowed to come here and simply ask for and be granted a tract of land, a house and farming implements. He would have to give an account of himself for at least 10 years back, to show he was fairly trustworthy man and not one given to going into such things because he thought it was an opportunity to get something without effort or expense. But at the same time, even though a 10-year record might show that a farmer had failed to make a paying investment of his farm in some other part of the country, this would not necessarily bar him from being given a grant in Nevada. For the investigators into a man's character would have to be liberal enough and with enough common sense to pick out the real men and take into consideration conditions surrounding the man when he made his other attempt. For the man who failed in one state might copy to the fertile lands of Nevada and make the biggest success of any, because he would be coming into his own under proper conditions.

Under a liberal "you help me and I'll help you" plan, Nevada could be made to grow rapidly, Mr. Gosse be-

lieves. His idea on the subject is drawn to some extent at least, to a case he knows of wherein there was a young and energetic man who took up some land not very far from Reno. It was not a large tract of land, but it was sufficient to make a paying home for the young fellow if he could keep it. But he made the mistake of promising to pay for it in two years. The first year he thought he was coming along swimmingly. He got his land cleared and ready for a crop. And the second year he saw his crops coming up and the thought of the fine start he had made toward realizing his dream of a home at his own. But about that time his two years expired and he was called upon to pay for the land. While he had every chance in the world to realize enough in another year to pay his obligation, he had given his promise to pay in two years, and the people from which he got the land saw and grasped the opportunity to get a nice little farm all improved, for nothing. So the young fellow took the one horse he had and started for Oregon, there to make another try to secure a foothold in life and to obtain a little plot of ground on this big sphere he might call his own.

"If that young fellow had had four years in which to pay for that farm, instead of two, said Mr. Gosse, 'he would have met all obligations without trouble and Nevada would have had one more first-class citizen. That is the reason I may let the state help to bring in settlers and let us give them plenty of time in which to pay for their lands. There is plenty of money in the school lands fund to pay the necessary expenses, and to tie up small parcels of it for four or five years will not affect the state's credit in the least, unless it is to improve it. There is nothing else waiting for the expenditure of this money so why not make it be of some good to Nevada? We need farmers and we need the land of this great state cleared and put into farms. There is only one way to get it done, and that is to induce the man of little or no means who wants a home to come here. People with money to invest, outright in farms are not coming to a state where most of the land has to be cleared. They are going to invest in lands already improved, where if they want to they can hire a manager and let him do the work for them."

OLD SANTA STOPS AT THE PIRNCE

Santa Claus spent several hours last Tuesday evening on the Prince Consolidated side of the camp and dispensed many nice things to the old as well as the young folks.

A tree 10 feet high was taken in to the Golden Prince boarding house and beautifully decorated under the direction of Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Rodinsky.

Proceeding the entrance into the building of "Old Santa," who was was none other than W. H. Hammon, an interesting program was rendered by the pupils of the Prince school, under the direction of Mrs. Dr. S. S. Burdham, their instructor.

Nobody was overlooked by generous Santa. The children of the Prince side enjoyed every minute of the time and, in fact, the older folk would not have missed the entertainment given by the school and the festivities which followed.

The members of the Prince side contributed liberally toward the financing of the enterprise. About \$100 was subscribed and none were more active in an effort to raise funds than Harry Parker, superintendent of the Prince mine. However, everyone seemed anxious to join in and do something to make the tree and entertainment the huge success that it was.

New County Officers

Thly new county officers will be sworn in and enter upon their respective duties a week from next Monday.

"Bo" Hayes Victim In Stabbing Affray

"Bo" Hayes was the victim of a serious stabbing affair early Thursday evening and he is congratulating himself that he is not stretched out on a slab at the morgue. His assailant was Charles Ayers, a sheep herder who came here recently from Utah.

At J. A. Clark's saloon, from which place Ayers had just emerged after having changed a \$10 bill. Ayers it seems, was in Clark's place at the time Hayes obtained the silver in exchange for the currency, and followed Hayes to the outside and exchanged the latter. "You wouldn't give me that \$10 the other day, would you?" And before Hayes could turn around to face him, Ayers cut an ugly gash in his victim's back and the blade just missed the spine. Before assistance came, Ayers made several other vicious passes with his knife, cutting Hayes on the arm, leg and abdomen.

While Hayes was being taken to the Duckworth hospital, Sheriff Jake Johnson arrested Ayers and as he landed in the county jail.

The assailant made the statement for the assault that he had been following Hayes for five years, and that he at last succeeded in "getting him." Hayes declares that he only had a passing acquaintance with Ayers and that he has no knowledge of ever having done him a wrong. Says Ayers, he states, Ayers asked him for the loan of \$10, but was told he had no money to let out in that manner.

Ayers had been drinking in the evening prior to the assault.

The victim of the affair is recovering from the ordeal and will probably be out in a few days.

Meanwhile, Ayers will be obliged to answer to the charge of assault with intent to kill, and will doubtless be held to await the action of the grand jury. Ayers is a man about 55 years of age.

EPISCOPAL TREE ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

Rev. Paul B. James, of Las Vegas, is expected to reach the city this morning and will take charge of the Episcopal Christmas tree festival which are to take place at Thompson's hall tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Mr. F. W. Dickie and several others were busily engaged yesterday and last night in decorating the tree and arranging the presents to be given tonight. All of the gifts have been done up in paper bags and the recipients will be admonished not to open them in the hall. It is expected that dancing will follow the entertainment.

PIOCHE STOCKS

Quotations on Salt Lake Stock and Mining Exchange:		
Prince Con.	1.52 1/2	1.55
Ohio Kentucky ..	..	..
Nevada Utah ..	..	..
Home Run Copper ..	..	..
Pioche Metals ..	..	..
Pioche Demijohn ..	..	..
Virginia Louise ..	..	..

METAL MARKET

Silver, 62 1/2 per ounce.	
Copper, \$17.25 per 100 lbs.	
Lead, \$4.35 per 100 lbs.	
Spelter, \$7.15 per 100 lbs.	

BUGLAR GETS BUSY AT MODENA

It seems that about ten days or two weeks ago, Ed. Peak, or more properly, as his full name runs C. E. Peak, suffered a loss by burglary at Modena, aggregating \$244.00, which was afterwards recovered. The young man who gave his name as Frank Nelson broke into Mr. Peak's place of business at Modena, forced his way into the safe and secured some money and valuables. He was, however, promptly apprehended and is now lodged in the county jail at Parowan to await the course of the law.—Milford (Utah) News.

LOVED ONE LAID TO REST SUNDAY

The funeral of Emmett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wheatley, was held from the family residence last Sunday afternoon. Only a few attended owing to the wide-spread belief that the child had died from a contagious disease; yet it is claimed that the California authorities certified that such was not the case when the family left Los Angeles upon their sad journey homeward.

The morning after the funeral the members of the Wheatley family were quarantined for scarlet fever and Sheriff Jake Johnson nailed up a yellow flag at the Wheatley residence and also at the home of William Wheatley, where the late case was isolated.

The members of the Wheatley family have the sincere sympathy of the people of Pioche and vicinity in their late bereavement, as well as the hope of their friends that the sleep of sickness in their midst will soon be banished.

The local authorities are exercising every effort to prevent a spreading of the disease.

NEVADA DOCTORS WILL PROPOSE LAWS

The Nevada State Medical association has selected the committees for the coming year's work.

The association will ask the coming session of the legislature to pass laws for sterilization of criminals, etc. and certificate of health before marriage license is issued, as well as many things that have to do with health of the general public.

NEW MACHINE FOR POTASH RESEARCH

Chas. E. Watson of the U. S. Geological survey, has been busy for some time at the old U. S. R. S. headquarters designing and constructing a machine for shallow drilling in continuing the researches for potash. The machine will be operated by a 5 h. p. gasoline engine, equipped with rotary and combination, but can be worked independently. It is designed to drill to a depth of about 100 feet. One or two wells will be put down in this valley and then it is expected that the machine will be taken to the southern part of the state. Mr. Watson expects to start the drill at work today.—Fallon Eagle.

NEW LIFE HITTING AN OLD TIME CAMP

F. G. Grube, manager of the water works, pipe line and mining property in Candelaria, and a pioneer of the camp, was in Mina a couple of days this week. From here he went to Reno on business and to visit his family. Mr. Grube has just closed up a mining deal with English capitalists for a property which he held in that camp. The interested parties are not yet ready to give out any particulars. It is known, however, that the price paid is a very satisfactory figure and the first payment, which has been made, represents a considerable sum. Representatives of the purchasers are now on the ground and preliminary arrangements are being made preparatory to the inauguration of a vigorous and extensive campaign of development of the property. A plant of machinery to facilitate operations will be installed. Large bodies of shipping ore are already opened up. Mr. Grube having made several shipments from the property during the past summer and the returns from which were very satisfactory.

Mart Bradshaw was in Mina this week from Candelaria, where he is engaged in mining. He and P. A. Simon, of this place, are operating a mining property in the former old bonanza camp. They are employing a considerable force of miners and keeping up regular shipments of ore to the smelters. They recently broke silver ore, from which a shipment

B. L. Smith Talks About Prince Con.

B. L. Smith, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Prince Consolidated mine, was in Salt Lake this week and the Desert News of Thursday quotes him as follows:

"At the Prince Consolidated mine at Pioche, a 3-foot bed of ore carrying much higher values than in the levels above has been recently opened up on the 400-foot level. The new ore body, Mr. Smith says, carries from ten to twelve dollars in values. This ore is higher in silver and lead than the other large beds, and some of the ore carries as high as 47 per cent. cerussite and manganese.

"Last week the company sent out 45 cars of ore amounting to 1,847 tons and the company is at present handling an average of 275 tons of ore a day. The best ore yet recorded was made Monday, when 394 tons of ore were brought up through the shaft. The company is also sending out 100 tons of tailings from Bullionville each day.

"At the time he left camp, Mr. Smith says that there were 19,000 tons of ore broken in the stopes ready for extraction. This ore, he declared, is being mined at a small expense and as the work progresses the cost will be much further reduced.

"The diamond drill is 102 feet below the 600-foot level. This is being driven on an angle to cut one of the rich fissure veins that cuts through the beds. The core that is now coming out of this hole, which is the second to be driven by the company, is showing considerable quartz, which leads to the belief that quartzite will be encountered at depth and below that the sulfides will be reached. This will bear out the theory that has long been maintained as to the Prince side of the Pioche hill. It is believed that the Pioche side has been more heavily eroded and consequently the rich ore was found in the quartzite. The Prince side is believed to be similar, but has a covering of lime and shale in which the immense bodies of low grade ore make. It is believed that when the Prince reaches a point below the lime-shale formation some rich ore will be encountered.

"At the Prince mine the company is now extracting ore from the fissures that will run \$30 a ton. This will be shipped this week. About 10 tons will be taken out for shipment. These veins or fissures carry high values in silver and lead and range from 18 inches to 4 feet in width.

SENATOR MASSEY RETURNS TO NEVADA

A Washington dispatch of the 20th inst. says: Senator Massey and family leave today and will not return to Washington. The Senator will resume the practice of law. Dwight Jones, his secretary, goes to Nevada shortly to reside permanently.

STATE EDUCATORS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The following officers of the Nevada State Education association were chosen at Reno on Friday: President, W. J. Hunting, Carson City superintendent, re-elected; first vice president, Miss Ethel Loder, principal Mary S. Doten school, Reno; second vice president, T. G. McWhinney, principal Elko grammar school; recording secretary, R. H. Mitchell, Sparks City superintendent; corresponding secretary, Miss Besse Sperry, Carson City; treasurer, S. D. Elwin; executive committee, from city superintendents, Professors Billingham, Reno, county high schools, H. H. Pedder of Fallon; deputy superintendents, G. E. Anderson, Elko; addressee, Miss Lillian Porter, Elko; speakers of state, C. R. Mundy, Las Vegas; university, Dr. George Ordahl, college of education.

was made to the smelter, P. A. Simon left yesterday to look after the returns on same.—Western Nevada Miner.

TAXES PAID INTO THE COUNTY TREASURY

County Treasurer William E. Orr, reports the sum of \$37,941.98 collected on the first installment of 1913 taxes. The total amount collectable on the first and second installments is \$70,910.38; hence it will be observed that a little more than one-half was received in the first installment. The total amount of taxes which went delinquent was \$1,051.82, which, Mr. Orr states, has mostly all been paid together with the usual penalties.

ELKO SHEEP TO WINTER IN LINCOLN

C. W. Griswold, of Elko, came in last night on his way south to the sheep ranges where he winters 140 flocks every year, says the Express. The sheep passed Elko last week and are now near the southern line of the county. They will be grazed in Lincoln and Nye counties during the cold weather. Mr. Griswold purchased a large number of supplies in Elko for his sheep camps and saw it was started from town today.

MONEY FOR THE STATE SCHOOL FUND

The public school and road funds of the state are ahead \$15,986.07 as the result of a check for that amount from the United States government which was received Wednesday by Governor Odell at his office in Carson City. The check represents 25 per cent of the money received for the different counties of the state on the sale of timber and grazing lands in the various forest reserves during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912.

It is announced from the governor's office that the money will be divided among the counties as follows:

Douglas ..	64.89
Esmeralda ..	83.25
Elko ..	7,428.29
Eureka ..	178.87
Lyon ..	20.45
Lander ..	392.00
Humboldt ..	2,191.94
Mineral ..	962.70
Nye ..	2,208.37
White Pine ..	1,169.72
Washoe ..	334.59

NEW TRAIN GOES ON APRIL FIRST

While it is still some distant, the Salt Lake railroad announces that it will establish a new train service between the coast and the east on April 1, when a new limited train will be put on, leaving this city for Salt Lake City in the afternoon, probably between 4 and 5 o'clock. The run to the Utah capital will be made in about 26 hours. The exact schedule has not as yet been worked out.

Westbound, the train will leave Salt Lake City between 8 and 9 a. m. daily and arrive here between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning of the next day.

The equipment of this train will be furnished by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Pullman company, it will be of the deluxe variety, all steel electric lighted sleeping and observation cars.

The inauguration of the new train will give the Salt Lake three transcontinental trains daily and the new train will replace the old American Express, which was discontinued more than a year ago.

It will be operated over the Salt Lake line to the eastern terminal and thence to Omaha on the Union Pacific and from Omaha to Chicago via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul route.—San Bernardino Sun.

Christmas In Zion

Bert L. Smith, of the Prince Consolidated mine, left for Salt Lake Tuesday to remain until after Christmas, and had to meet his family who were coming here from Oakland, Cal.

Henry Lee was up from Panama Monday and Tuesday on a business trip.